

5 WOUND CLOSURE DRESSING WITH CONTROLLED STRETCHABILITY

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15 Abstract of the Disclosure

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 A stretchable and contractible wound closure
dressing is disclosed having an adhesive bodyside layer
preferably formed of an hydrocolloid-containing liquid-
absorbing adhesive material layer, a vapor-permeable
elastomeric backing layer secured to one surface of said
adhesive layer, and a multiplicity of flexible but
essentially non-stretchable reinforcing members extending
in spaced parallel relation across said dressing for
preventing stretching of said dressing only in directions
parallel with said members.

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